TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Report of Financial Statements March 31, 2004

AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing is mandatory. Local Government Type Local Government Name FREMONT Township L City Village Other TOWNSHIP SANILAC Audit Date Opinion Date Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 5/27/04 74NE 2004 We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in The Page DEPT OF TREASURY We affirm that: 1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised. 9 2004 2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan. LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV. We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations You must check the applicable box for each item below. 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended). 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129,241). 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). We have enclosed the following: Enclosed Forwarded

The letter of comments and recommendations.	 Required
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).	
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).	
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name) ANDERSON TUCKT U REPORT AND DOCUMENTS	

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May 27, 2004

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Township of Fremont Sanilac County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Fremont as of March 31, 2004 and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Township of Fremont, Sanilac County management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion about these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing principles. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Fremont as of March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information on page 12 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Township of Fremont, Sanilac County. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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ANDERSON, TUCKEY, BERNHARDT & DORAN, P.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Combined Balance Sheet -All Fund Types & Account Groups March 31, 2004

		GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES SPECIAL	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE (ROAD)	TRUST & AGENCY
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash on hand & in bank Petty Cash Accounts Receivable Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 246,003 50 311		
Due from other funds Fixed Assets	2,055	\$ 3,519	\$ 36,136
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 248,419	\$ 3,519	\$ 36,136
LIABILITIES AND FUND DAY AND			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES LIABILITIES			
LIABILITIES Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	_	\$ 5,574
LIABILITIES Due to other funds Due to other governmental units			\$ 5,574 30,562 36,136
LIABILITIES Due to other funds Due to other governmental units	<u> </u>		30,562
LIABILITIES Due to other funds Due to other governmental units TOTAL LIABILITIES FUND BALANCE: Designated Funds Undesignated Funds			30,562
LIABILITIES Due to other funds Due to other governmental units TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 248,419 	 	30,562

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ACCOUNT GROUP	(MF	TOTALS MORANDUM ONLY)
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS		PORTING ENTITY 2004
	\$	246,003
		50
		311 36 136
		36,136 5,574
\$ 272,268		272,268
\$ 272,268	\$	560,342
	r	
_	\$	5,574
		30,562
-		36,136
		3,519
\$ 272,268		248,419
212,200		272,268
272,268		524,206
\$ 272,268	\$	560,342

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY) MARCH 31, 2004
REVENUES:			
Taxes Licenses and permits Intergovernmental Hall rental income Investment income Other revenues	\$ 26,000 1,895 66,433 6,716 3,050 1,005	\$ 40,429 - - - - -	\$ 66,429 1,895 66,433 6,716 3,050
TOTAL REVENUES	105,099	40,429	1,005 145,528
EXPENDITURES: Legislative General government Public safety Public works, road maintenance, and utilities Culture and Recreation	2,300 53,976 14,036 12,348 5,025	- - - 41,294 	2,300 53,976 14,036 53,642 5,025
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	87,685	41,294	128,979
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	17,414	(865)	16,549
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	231,005	4,384	235,389
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 248,419	\$ 3,519	\$ 251,938

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

			GE	NERAL FUNC)	
REVENUES:	BI	JDGET		ACTUAL	F.	/ARIANCE- AVORABLE FAVORABLE)
Taxes	\$	19,153	\$	26,000	\$	0.047
Licenses and permits		250	•	1,895	Φ	6,847
Intergovernmental		70,600		66,433		1,645
Hall rental income		7,000		6,716		(4,167)
Investment income		5,000				(284)
Other revenues		1,000		3,050 1,005		(1,950) 5
TOTAL REVENUES		103,003		105,099		2,096
EXPENDITURES:						2,090
Legislative						
General government:		2,300		2,300		
Chief Executive						
Treasurer		3,200		3,200		_
Assessing Equalization		5,600		5,600		_
Clerk		5,000		5,000		_
Elections		5,600		5,600		_
Finance and tax administration		500		-		500
Education		7,000		6,271		729
		2,000		991		1,009
All other general government Public safety:		32,032		27,314		4,718
Police						4,710
· · · · -		3,100		2,511		500
Fire department		8,500		6,975		589 4 505
Zoning, inspection and other safety activities Public works:		4,600		4,550		1,525 50
Roads and road maintenance		2,571		1 646		
Cemetery		2,500		1,646		925
Sewerage		8,500		2,466		34
Culture and Recreation:		0,000		8,236		264
Parks & recreation	1	0,000		5,025		4,975
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10	3,003		87,685		15,318
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES				47 44 4		
FLIND BALANCE DECIMALING COLUMN				17,414		17,414
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	23	1,005		231,005		<u> </u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 23	1,005	\$	248,419	_\$	17,414

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

VARIANCE
TOTALS

(MEMORANDUM ONLY)

		VARIANCE	(MEMORANDUM	ONLY)
BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE
f 40.400	_			AOTOAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
\$ 40,429	\$ 40,429	\$ -	\$ 59,582	\$ 66,429	.
			250	1,895	\$ 6,847
			70,600		1,645
			7,000	66,433	(4,167)
			5,000	6,716	(284)
			1,000	3,050	(1,950)
40.400			1,000	1,005	5
40,429	40,429	<u> </u>	143,432	145,528	2,096
			2,300	2,300	-
			3,200	3,200	
			5,600	5,600	-
			5,000	5,000	-
			5,600	5,600	-
			500	-,000	- 500
			7,000	6,271	500
			2,000	991	729
			32,032	27,314	1,009
					4,718
			3,100	2,511	589
			8,500	6,975	1,525
			4,600	4,550	50
40,429	41,294	(0.00)		ŕ	50
10,120	71,234	(865)	43,000	42,940	60
			2,500	2,466	34
			8,500	8,236	264
			10,000	5,025	4,975
40,429	41,294	(865)	143,432	128,979	14,453
	(865)	(865)	_	16 540	
4,384	4 204			16,549	16,549
	4,384	-	235,389	235,389	
\$ 4,384	\$ 3,519	\$ (865)	\$ 235,389	\$ 251,938	\$ 16,549

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

DESCRIPTION OF TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS & FUND TYPES:

The Township of Fremont, Michigan covers an area of approximately 36 square miles within Sanilac County. The Township operates under an elected township board and is a general law township. The Township provides many services to its more than 750 residents, including public works, public safety, community enrichment, development, and human services.

The financial statements of the Township of Fremont have been prepared in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY:

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP, currently GASB Statement #14 "The Financial Reporting Entity."

Based upon the application of these criteria, the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Fremont contain all the funds and account groups controlled by the Township's Board as no other entity meets the criteria to be considered a blended component unit or a discretely presented component of the Township nor is the Township a component unit of another entity.

B. FUND ACCOUNTING:

The government uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in some other funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

B. FUND ACCOUNTING, (Continued):

FIDUCIARY FUNDS - are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government.

ACCOUNT GROUPS – are used to account for fixed assets and long-term liabilities that are not reported in the respective governmental funds.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increase (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decrease (i.e. expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e. net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increased (i.e. revenues) and decrease (i.e. expenses) in net total assets.

All governmental fund types use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The government considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, federal and state grants, special assessments, licenses, interest revenue and charges for services. Fines, permits and sales tax and other state revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

D. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING:

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. The Township does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued):

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash includes amounts in petty cash and demand deposits. Investments included instruments allowed by state statute subsequently described. Investments are carried at fair market value.

State statutes authorized the Township to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury, which include securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; and in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase and not totaling more than 40% of any fund at any time. The Township is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government of federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptance of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

F. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES:

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payable are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

G. RECEIVABLES:

Receivables consist primarily of amounts for taxes and customers charges. No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary and credit risk is minimal because of the large number of customers and the authority of the Township to add receivables to the tax rolls, which are secured by the underlying property.

H. FIXED ASSETS:

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized, as these assets are immovable and of value only to the government. Primarily because of this policy, total expenditures for capital improvements in the governmental funds do not equal total additions to the general fixed assets account group.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued):

LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion that is expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

J. FUND EQUITY:

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from developers, customers or other funds. Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

K. MEMORANDUM ONLY - TOTAL COLUMNS:

The total columns on the combined statements are captioned memorandum only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Inter-fund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

L. USE OF ESTIMATES:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS:

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2003	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2004
Building and Equipment	\$269,173	\$3,095	<u>\$0</u>	\$272,268
TOTAL	<u>\$269,173</u>	<u>\$3,095</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$272,268</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash and investments are held separately by each of the Township's funds.

DEPOSITS:

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits was \$246,003 and the bank balance was \$247,607, all of which was covered by federal depository insurance.

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits of the Township are at banks in the name of the Township Treasurer.

The U.S. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 3 risk disclosures for cash deposits are as follows:

	CARRYING AMOUNT		
	UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	RESTRICTED ASSETS	
Cash – checking	<u>\$246,003</u>	NONE	
TOTAL	<u>\$246,003</u>	<u>NONE</u>	

All deposits are uncollateralized and insured.

INVESTMENTS:

The Township's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township at year-end. Category I includes investments that are insured or registered, or securities held by the Township's or the Township's agent in the Township's name. Category 2 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterpart's trust department or its agent in the Township's name. Category 3 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered, with the securities held by the counter-party, or by its trust department or its agent but not in the Township's name. At March 31, 2004, the Township had no Category 2 or 3 investments.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE 4 - LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS:

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- Budgetary procedures are established pursuant to Act 621 PA 1978, as amended, which requires the Township Board to approve a budget for the Township. Pursuant to the act, the Township supervisor prepares and submits a proposed operating budget. This operating budget includes projected expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayers comments.
- The budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- The Board of Trustees must approve any revisions of the budget.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund and special revenue funds.
- Budgets for general and special revenue funds are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally
 accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the
 Board of Trustees during the fiscal year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the
 original appropriations that were amended.
- 7. The budget is prepared by fund and function and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year. Expenditures may not exceed budget at the function level.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAX REVENUE:

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on the property as of December 1. Taxes are levied on December 1 and are due in February of the following year. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the county, intermediate school district and school districts. All tax collections are accounted for in the tax collection fund, and agency fund. Township tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year that includes the December 1 levy date. The Township levied .8519 mills for operations and 1.8636 mills for roads on a taxable value of \$21,695,671. In addition, the Township collected the State Education Tax that was levied July 1 and due September 15.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Township carries commercial insurance to cover any losses that may result from the above-described activities. For insured programs, there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities All Agency Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004

	CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND			
	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2003	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2004
ASSETS Taxes Receivable TOTAL ASSETS	\$ - \$ -	\$ 429,540 \$ 429,540	\$ 393,404 \$ 393,404	\$ 36,136 \$ 36,136
LIABILITIES Due to other funds		\$ 57,58 7	\$ 63,161	\$ 5.574
Due to other governmental units TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ - \$ -	335,817 \$ 393,404	366,379 \$ 429,540	\$ 5,574 30,562 \$ 36,136